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March 1 Grain Stocks

Idaho's March 1, 2006 stocks of all wheat stored in all positions totaled 31.5 million bushels, up 12 percent from last year's 28.2 million bushels, according to the National Agricultural Statistics Service. On-farm storage was estimated at 13.0 million bushels, up 18 percent from last year's 11.0 million bushels. Off-farm stocks, including stocks at mills, elevators, warehouses, terminals and processors was estimated at 18.5 million bushels, up 8 percent from March 1, 2005. Barley stocks in all positions totaled 43.8 million bushels, up 19 percent from a year ago. On-farm storage was estimated at 18.5 million bushels, up 6 percent from a year ago. Off-farm storage was estimated at 25.3 million bushels, up 32 percent from last year's 19.2 million bushels.

Nationally, all wheat stored in all positions March 1, 2006, was estimated at 972 million bushels, down 1 percent from a year ago. On-farm stocks are estimated at 256 million bushels, down 16 percent from last March. Off-farm stocks, at 716 million bushels, are up 5 percent from a year ago. Barley stocks in all positions on March 1, 2006 totaled 167 million bushels, down 13 percent from March 1, 2005. On-farm stocks are estimated at 68.4 million bushels, 14 percent below a year ago. Off-farm stocks, at 98.2 million bushels, are 12 percent below March 2005. Oats stored in all positions on March 1, 2006, totaled 74.7 million bushels, 9 percent below the stocks on hand March 1, 2005. Of the total stocks on hand, 41.9 million bushels are stored on farms, down 4 percent from a year ago. Off-farm stocks totaled 32.8 million bushels, down 16 percent from the previous year. Corn stocks in all positions on March 1, 2006, totaled 6.99 billion bushels, up 3 percent from March 1, 2005. Of the total stocks, 4.06 billion bushels were stored on farms, down 2 percent from a year earlier. Off-farm stocks, at 2.93 billion bushels, are up 12 percent from a year ago.

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